

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Cancelled)

2. **(Currently Amended)** A sealing device in accordance with Claim ~~[[9]]~~5, wherein

the sealing body has one axial seal located in the at least one first recess and a further radial seal which mates with a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the inner side wall.

3. **(Currently Amended)** A sealing device in accordance with Claim ~~[[9]]~~5, wherein

the sealing body is operable to be fixed by means of a clamping device which applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A sealing device comprising:
a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole having an
inner side wall, said sealing device having a sealing body touching both the conducting
element and the inner side wall;

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and
the inner side wall, the cross-sectional profile of the conducting element has at least one
first recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction;

wherein the sealing body is attached to the conducting element by a positive retainer
comprising: at least one engagement rib provided on the sealing body and at least one
second recess in the conducting element~~A sealing device in accordance with claim 9,~~ further
comprising a sealing ring with an internal thread screwed onto the conducting element to fix the
sealing body with respect to the inner side wall.

6-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with Claim ~~[[14]]~~12, further
comprising the step of fixing the sealing body with a clamping device that applies a force to the
sealing body in the axial direction.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for sealing comprising the steps of:
using a sealing device comprising a conducting element which can be inserted off-
center in a through-hole having an inner side wall, and which has a sealing body touching
both the conducting element and the inner side wall;

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and
the inner side wall, the cross-sectional profile of the housing wall and the conducting
element has at least one first recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial
direction, to seal an eccentric through-hole for the conducting element; and

attaching the sealing body to the conducting element by means of a positive retainer
comprising: at least one engagement rib provided on the sealing body and at least one
second recess in the conductor element~~A method in accordance with claim 14, further~~
comprising the step of:

screwing a sealing ring with an internal thread onto the conducting element which
comprises the at least one first recess to fix the sealing body.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A sealing device comprising:
a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole in a housing wall, said sealing device having a sealing body touching both the conducting element and the housing wall;

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and the housing wall, the cross-sectional profile of the conducting element has at least one recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction;

wherein the sealing body has one axial seal located in the recess and a further radial seal which mates with a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the housing wall;

wherein a limiting stop is formed on the sealing body in a position which lies within the recess, wherein the limiting stop limits compression of the axial seal.

19. (Previously Presented) A sealing device in accordance with Claim 18, wherein the sealing body is operable to be fixed by means of a clamping device which applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

20. (Previously Presented) A sealing device in accordance with Claim 18, further comprising a sealing ring with an internal thread screwed onto the conducting element to fix the sealing body with respect to the housing wall.

21. **(Currently Amended)** A method in accordance with Claim ~~[[14]]~~12, further comprising:

positioning an axial seal in the at least one first recess; and

positioning a further radial seal so as to engage a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the housing wall.